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1. LATE AFTERNOON DECEMBER 12 SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY LUIS ALBERTO MACHADO CALLED ON CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ TO INFORM HIM THAT PRESIDENT CALDERA ACKNOWLEDGES HIS VICTORY AND TO CONVEY THE PRESIDENT'S CONGRATULATIONS. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH PEREZ, MACHADO SPOKE FERVENTLY ABOUT VENEZUELAN DEMOCRACY, AND SAID PRESIDENT CALDERA BELIEVES IN THE COUNTRY'S INSTITUTIONS AND IS PROUD OF THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR CONDUCT DURING THE ELECTORAL PERIOD.

2. THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL (CSE) PLANS TO ISSUE A FINAL PRELIMINARY VOTE COUNT TODAY (DECEMBER 13), WHICH IS EXPECTED TO SHOW PEREZ WINNING THE PRESIDENCY WITH NEARLY 49 PCT OF THE TOTAL VALID VOTE, FOLLOWED BY COPEI'S LORENZO FERNANDEZ WITH 37 PCT. HOW-
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EVER, THE OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION BY THE CSE OF PEREZ AS THE PRESIDENT-

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ELECT WILL BE DELAYED SEVERAL DAYS BECAUSE OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS THAT THE CSE RECEIVE THE ORIGINAL VOTE TALLY SHEETS FROM ALL THE VOTING TABLES (THE CSE'S COMPUTATIONS SO FAR HAVE BEEN BASED ON COPIES OF THE TALLY SHEETS) AND THAT IT RE-CHECK THE FIGURES. CSE PRESIDENT LUIS PIETRI TOLD THE PRESS ON DECEMBER 12 THAT HE EXPECTS THE CSE TO ISSUE ITS PROCLAMATION SOMETIME BEFORE DECEMBER 20.
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